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Dillon's Rule and Its Impact on Local Planning Policy

I'm sure you have heard local government officials complain about having their hands tied by the state government in Richmond. The cause of most of our frustrations is local government's position at the bottom of the pecking order in the federal system. As if that weren't enough, the Virginia Constitution, its General Assembly, and its Courts strictly adhere to the principle of Dillon's Rule. This principle says to local government, in essence, that you can't pass any laws or make any policy without the express permission of the General Assembly.

Judge John F. Dillon was the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court in the mid-19th century when there was widespread corruption in local government. In 1868, Justice Dillon ruled that "municipal corporations are mere tenants at the will of the [state] legislature" and set out to enable the state legislature to take control of inefficient and corrupt local governments and pass laws concerning every conceivable detail of local life.

According to Dillon's Rule, "local government has only three types of powers: those granted in express words, those necessarily or fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted, and those essential to the declared objects and purposes of corporation. If there is any reasonable doubt whether a power has been conferred on a local government, then the power has not been conferred." You can't get more specific than that.

The language of Dillon's Rule is clearly stated in Article VIII of the Virginia Constitution. Attempts to moderate its strict constitutional construction have repeatedly failed, even though it has outlived its original purpose to eliminate corruption in local government. Bills to merely "study" the effects of Dillon's Rule have been easily defeated in General Assembly, and challenges through the courts have historically resulted in the opposite effect, usually to reaffirm and reinforce Dillon's Rule.

Dillon's Rule has numerous broad-reaching effects on Virginia local governments, not the least of which is that it stifles creative, local solutions to specific revenue needs. But an equally harmful effect is that it severely restricts planning policy to successfully manage growth.

Under the principle, private property owners have a vested right to develop their properties, which will always prevail over public interests. Dillon's Rule protects vested rights because there is no express authority for local government to "downzone" it or otherwise control or restrict its use for a greater public good; therefore such governmental control is prohibited.

In addition to limiting zoning authority, Dillon's Rule principles are consistently applied to limit other local planning tools. Virginia courts have declared that certain non-conforming uses can essentially be "grandfathered" forever, although by definition they are identified as uses to be eventually extinguished. The courts have also cited Dillon to prohibit local governments from assessing impact fees or requiring developers to construct adequate public facilities to support their developments. Local governments are restricted to applying proffer policies to rezoning cases only, and only then with strict justification. And with Dillon's Rule, greenbelt planning and conservation easements are attainable only to those rare Virginia localities with enough wealth to purchase large tracts at fair market value, or lucky enough to have them donated (any donors out there?).

Dillon's Rule can't be blamed for all of the failures of local government to manage growth, but it is certainly a major contributor. So the next time you read about the Town or County Planning Commission approving a major residential site plan and say to yourself, "why don't they just deny it or downzone it?" you might have a better appreciation of their limited authority under Dillon's Rule principles.

by Brannon Godfrey, Town Manager

Town Holiday Schedule

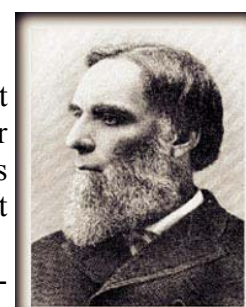
Town Office Will be Closed on the following dates :

Thursday December 23 (after 12 noon)
 Friday December 24 (all day)
 Friday December 31 (all day)

Town Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

Remember this simple rule: Roll your container out *one day early* for collection during the two weeks of Christmas and New Years.

Normal residential collection schedules resume the first full week of January (beginning Tuesday January 4).



Judge John F. Dillon

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Culpeper County Department of Health

Tips for Healthy Holidays

Fine food, companionship with family, friends and neighbors, and the joy of the holiday season shouldn't be tarnished with the threat of foodborne illness. While you may not think about foodborne disease outbreaks during this cheery time of year, consumers should be cautious and careful when cooking, handling, and preparing holiday foods. The following tips will help ensure delicious, and safe, meals.

Most importantly, all food preparation should begin with careful handwashing. Handwashing is the most important way of preventing the spread of harmful bacteria.

Clean food-contact surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen, sneaking into cutting boards, knives, sponges and counter-tops. Using soap and hot water is recommended.

It is important to separate your foods. Store meats on the bottom shelf, and on a large plate or bowl, to make sure juice doesn't drip from broken packaging or wrapping. Wash all raw fruits and vegetables thoroughly before cutting and eating.

When cooking foods, make sure they are cooked to proper temperatures. You can't tell if something is "done" by its color or its smell; but a food thermometer can be a helpful kitchen tool that no one should be without.

Refrigerate foods promptly. Cold temperatures help keep harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Deviled eggs, for example, are a dairy product and are susceptible to bacteria growth, so they should be displayed on a bed of ice, and put immediately back into the refrigerator after serving.

The following are several specific foods that families enjoy over the holidays, along with food safety tips to remember as you prepare them:

- Turkey: Thaw turkey in refrigerator, about a day for every five pounds of meat. When cooking, make sure to test with a food thermometer near the inner thigh area (near the breast but not touching the bone). The turkey is done when the temperature reaches 180 degrees F. If the turkey is stuffed, the temperature of the stuffing should be 165 degrees F.
- Oysters/Seafood: Buy only fresh seafood that is refrigerated, or properly iced. People with liver disorders or weakened immune systems have an increased risk of becoming ill if they consume raw oysters or shellfish and may want to avoid eating them.
- Eggnog: Traditional eggnog is made with raw eggs and presents a risk of salmonellosis to consumers. A safe alternative is pasteurized eggnog which is sold in grocery store dairy cases.
- Baked goods: Both homemade and commercial cookie dough and cake batters are made with raw eggs that could cause illness if consumed. Thorough cooking kills bacteria that causes infection.
- Finally, remember that enjoying holiday foods and treats should be balanced with increased physical activity to avoid weight gain. Planning holiday events that do not focus on food can help, such as caroling, chopping down a Christmas tree, decorating homes, and taking brisk walks around the neighborhood to admire the lights.

Have a safe, festive holiday !

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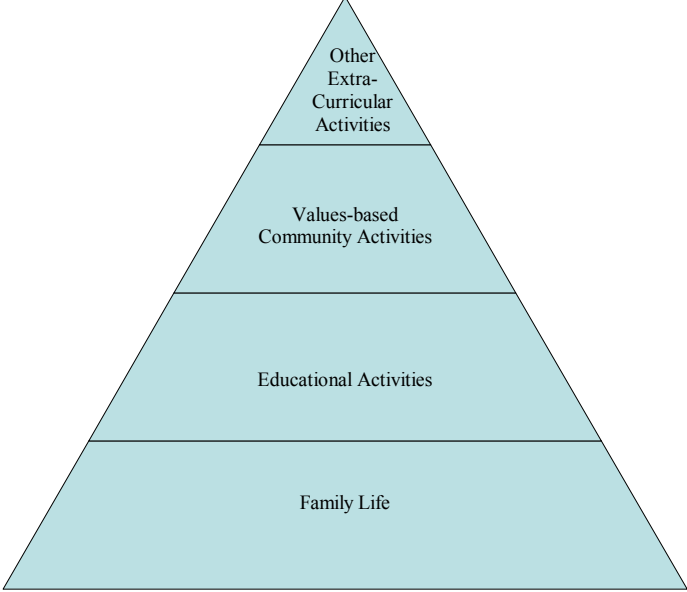
Family Time – A Priority for a Healthy Family

Linda G. Murphy, Extension Agent
Family & Community Sciences

This is the holiday season. One we usually think of as being a happy, fun-filled, family-centered time. Many families have traditions built around the holidays that include time together. Other families have to be creative in building in family time due to their individual circumstances. For all families it is important to think about the purpose and what you are trying to accomplish.

But more importantly, how do you extend family time throughout the year. It is the most precious gift that parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles can give to the younger members of the family and as adults to each other. Time is needed to build and grow relationships. It is so easy to get caught up in the busyness of day-to-day activities that we neglect fitting fun time together into our daily lives as well as connecting time. This may be the year to resolve to schedule time for 'kicking back' and relaxing as a family. It is important to your family's health.

In **Putting Family First: Successful Strategies for Reclaiming Family Life in a Hurry Up World**, authors Dr. Bill Doherty and Barbara Carlson envision the time priorities for children and families as a pyramid. In this view, family time is at the base of the pyramid. The specific time allocations for the areas above the family foundation may differ from family to family, and depend-



Time Priorities Pyramid

ing on the age of the child, but all rests on the foundation of a connected family life. There is time for children's activities at every level, but within a priority system where meaningful family time is still the base for healthy child development.

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Smart Choices Nutrition Education Program

Felecia Chavez, Program Assistant

The SCNEP (Smart Choices Nutrition Education Program) has ongoing programs targeted to people that are high risk. We have nutrition education classes that teach people the importance of healthy choices. We work closely with the Senior Programs in Culpeper and Rappahannock Counties. Each month we have a different topic. In November, for example, we had a cooking class dealing with fiber and fats, and how that impacts our lifestyles. We made pumpkin bread using whole pumpkins that had been donated. From cooking the pumpkins to using them in recipes we were able to teach people how much fun learning can be.

The Commodity Food Program through USDA is another program that has recently been instituted in conjunction with other agencies and volunteers in Culpeper County. This is our third month that we will be distributing food. At the same time we distribute the food, we also make sure that recipes are given so that people will know what meals can be made with the food that is given. To date we have serviced 349 households.

We are still working with George Washington Carver Tech Center and a number of volunteers to start a community garden this coming spring. The land that had been donated was not deemed appropriate, and we have asked for another parcel of land. We are awaiting the decision. This is a program that many people are interested in, and we will keep everyone updated.



4-H Program

Vivienne Ellyson, Extension Agent, 4-H

The 2004–05 4-H year has begun and many 4-H clubs are off to a great start, having elected club officers and having outlined goals for the year. Most clubs meet once or twice a month under the leadership of dedicated and knowledgeable volunteers. Newly elected club officers will participate in a training session in early December to learn Parliamentary Procedure and the responsibilities of their position. All 4-H clubs welcome new members at any time, so it's never too late to join. Interested youth should contact the Extension Office for more information.

Achievement Night 2004, a Hawaiian Luau, was held on November 13 with a potluck meal, a slide show, and presentation of awards. At this event 4-H club members who successfully completed a project and were active in 4-H during the 2003-04 club year received awards.

Planning for Winter Camp has begun, and registration packets will be available in January. Camp is scheduled for Feb. 11 – 14 and runs from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon at the 4-H Education Center in Front Royal, Virginia.

Dates for the next Summer Camp have been announced, so interested individuals can mark their calendar and plan their other summer activities accordingly. 4-H camp will be held August 7 – 11, 2005.

The 4-H staff is conducting a training session for county after school day care staff to introduce them to some exciting games and hands-on curricula which they may want to incorporate into their program. Additional training sessions are being planned.

Workshops are being planned for Dec. 28 and 29 to provide an opportunity for youth to engage in some interesting activities while enjoying the holiday school break. The morning workshops will focus on foods and nutrition and the afternoon workshops on arts & crafts, with both having a winter theme. Class sizes are limited. Please call the Extension Office to register.

GRAZE 300 DAYS

Carl C. Stafford, Extension Agent

Wintering cost is one of the biggest expenses involved in beef cattle production. Extension Agent John Howe does a nice job in his Fauquier Democrat article where he compares the difference in the cost of producing a pound of dry matter from pasture and from harvested feed.

He finds that the dry matter you harvest and then deliver to your cattle during the winter can run 3 to 4 times the cost of a pound of dry matter cattle harvest themselves.

Ultimately beef cattle farmers are really crop farmers, but your crop is pasture. The main objective as I see it is for cattle to do as much harvesting of their own feed as possible. Their annual carrying cost is greatly reduced if they graze more days of the year – plan to shoot for 300 days grazing. Remember, some 70 to 80% of the cows annual cost is in winter feeding.

As an Economist, John agrees that in order to cut cost, you work on the biggest expense first. Since winter feeding is the biggest, you look there first if you want to net more income. Cutting costs also cuts your break even price and prepares you for dropping calf prices when they come. Think about what price you must have to break even. If your costs are lower, your break even will be lower. Cost cutting starts with winter feed.

Most of you have hay equipment investments that you feel are necessary in order to be in the beef business. Timely harvest is one of the biggest arguments I hear being made to justify this. Also people tell me you can't trust custom operators to get the job done on time. On the other hand, some of you have very low equipment investment by going out into the market to buy your hay from others.

If you are buying hay, you have some control over hay quality, as you can choose to shop around for better quality and price, or lower quality and a lower price. Granted you will be at the mercy of the market during times of shortage, but more often than not there is excess hay being sold.

The other difference can be reducing the number of days you actually must deliver feed out there to the cattle. Stockpiled fescue is a reliable place to start. Another method to consider is used by retired Extension Agent Ed Haynes. He uses an approach he calls 2:1 year-round grazing. He plants both summer and winter annuals to fill the pasture gaps during the summer and winter. He is down to just 30 days of winter feeding and is keeping more of his income in the bank. Ed continues to make this work on his farm there in Buckingham County where he pushes fertility on good bottom land soil that produces annuals.

My approach is to rent as many acres between January and April for winter feed as it takes to run the cow herd from April to December. Plan to strip graze moving the herd 2 or 3 times per week. In this wintering scenario their primary shortage will be energy. I supplement with either corn or barley at one fourth of their requirement just to fill in the gaps for my August and September calving cows. They will root through the snow, believe it or not, and come spring can wean a 600 pound calf that is 200 days old. You can also justify pushing snow off the grass like Charlie Miller did at Quail Haven here in Culpeper in the 70's.

In closing, it's not too late to find some extra grass that could be used as winter grazing. I see a lot of it going to waste because of water and fencing, or maybe it's just too far from home. Keep your mind open to opportunities. Be willing to string up some electrified high tensile wire or to haul cattle to grass. I talked to a producer from Ohio who strip grazes corn stalks by putting up electric wire, hauling cattle to the stalks, and hauling water. This was found to be cheaper than feeding them hay. Everyone will have a different experience, so do what works best for you.

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Healthy Culpeper is a collaboration of over 55 community partners, i.e. agencies, businesses, law enforcement, local government, professionals, and programs available in Culpeper County. The vision of the collaboration is a commitment to working together to create a healthy, secure, and educated community by developing and providing services that promote interdependence, acknowledge the importance of family-like support systems, and are participant-focused.

Healthy Culpeper standing committees are currently working on the following:

Early Childhood

- o Submitting a grant application in December on Early Childhood Development Partnerships to strengthen the relationships between providers, government and the K-12 educational system and work on the development of a comprehensive structure of early childhood services and resource information for families that also prepares children for school readiness and success
- o Held a Family Fun Night in October with the theme of Literacy and had children and special guests dressed as characters from their favorite storybooks. Will be working on planning the next Family Fun Night set for February 2005.

Teen/Prevention Coalition

- o VARA (Virginia Adolescent Resiliency Assessment) teacher trainings were held recently and the survey was administered on November 22; the committee is eagerly looking to reviewing the results to plan for initiatives in the future
- o Listened to presentations on rising incidents of STDs in Culpeper
- o Researching and discussing grant initiatives on prevention and particular attention to substance abuse and suicide prevention

Youth

- o Hired Ms. Linda Gray as the new Culpeper Youth Mentoring Program Coordinator
- o Assisting with the development and implementation of an After-School Arts Program for middle and high school students in Culpeper County

Adult & Senior

- o Serving as the Culpeper representatives for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant called Community Partnerships for Older Adults and assisting with the planning and implementation of the “visioning forums” to hear from Culpeper County residents about the needs and the planning for the future for at-risk older adults, in terms of long-term care and other supportive services
- o Reviewing the recent Healthfest event at Culpeper County Library to strategize on any changes or enhancements that need to be made to encourage participation.

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact me at 829-2065 ext. 308 or via email colson@hfculpeper.org.

Cindy Colson, Executive Director



Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board

Elder Care Coalition Awarded Prestigious National Grant to Improve Local Services for Older Adults

Rappahannock Rapidan Elder Care Coalition will work to improve long term care and supportive services systems.

The Rappahannock Rapidan Elder Care Coalition, a partnership of local health, human service, and consumer organizations, has been selected from a field of 486 applicants nationwide to receive a \$150,000 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through its *Community Partnerships for Older Adults* (CPOA) program. Over the next 18 months, the Coalition will be working to develop plans for improving long-term care and supportive services systems that would respond to the current and future needs of at-risk older adults in Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock counties.

As one of the eleven communities selected as a Community Partnerships grantee, the Elder Care Coalition will also have the opportunity at the end of the 18 months to compete for a four-year, \$750,000 implementation grant to actually create the activities described in their plans and pursue additional resources to sustain them.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for our communities,” says project director Sallie Morgan, spokesperson for the Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board and Area Agency on Aging, the lead agency for the Coalition. “The Community Partnerships grant will give us the resources to take a serious look at the growth of the elder population in our region and the implications for everyone, from older adults and families to policy makers and service providers, especially around the need for long-term care services to support frail elders.”

Morgan notes that as baby boomers mature and retirees move into our area, the population age 60 and over in this five county area is expected to more than double by the year 2020, in contrast to a projected growth rate of 35 % for the overall population.

Such significant shifts in the age and shape of our local population raise many questions about what supports will be needed by older individuals and their families, whether services will be available when needed, and what our communities can be doing now to make it easier for elders to stay in their own homes as long as desired.

In response to such concerns, twenty-eight organizations from Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock counties have joined forces to form the Rappahannock Rapidan Elder Care Coalition, which has conducted an extensive needs assessment of persons 60 and over in the region, and now, as a Community Partnerships for Older Adults grant recipient, is ready to begin making specific plans for long-term care system change and service expansion.

The Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board and Area Agency on Aging is the lead agency for Coalition and for the grant activities. Other Coalition partner organizations include inter-agency teams from each of the five counties, Culpeper Regional Hospital, Fauquier Hospital, the five local departments of social services, the Piedmont United Way, the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission, the Health Department, Family Care, Hospice of the Rapidan, Disability Services Boards, assisted living and nursing facilities, the Alzheimer’s Association, local ministers, Virginia Cooperative Extension service, and consumer organizations (Aging Advisory Council, AARP, TRIAD).

The Elder Care Coalition has established three goals for its work in the coming year:

- Local communities will have agreed-upon priorities and implementation plans to assure that at-risk elders and their families will have access to a choice of long-term care services
- Elders/families will have information needed to make personal choices about long-term care, and opportunities to participate in community planning that affects them
- Policy makers, business leaders, and the general citizenry will be aware of elders’ needs and the impact of demographic trends, and will be positioned to make informed decisions about long-term care system development, and will consider the needs, strengths and preferences of elders and their families in all local planning

The project will engage a broad spectrum of local citizens and policy-makers in each county to establish local priorities. At the same time a number of regional workgroups will develop plans for creating or expanding services in the following areas: community-based supports (e.g. adult day care, in-home care), health (prevention and management of chronic conditions), housing, transportation, long-term care workforce development, and standards for quality of care. Local priorities and regional workgroup plans will be consolidated in a strategic plan, which will then be used to apply for funds to put the plans into action.

“It’s a great advantage to our region to be part of a national effort like the Community Partnerships program, which will enable us to build on our own experience, share and learn from other communities, and help shape state and national policy as solutions are developed and implemented for the future,” says Cathy Zielinski, who has been hired as the local Community Partnerships Project Coordinator.

For more information: Contact Sallie Morgan (540)825-3100 ext. 3437, smorgan@rrrcsb.org

The Annual Candlelight Vigil

The Annual Candlelight Vigil, sponsored by the Culpeper Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, was held on Tuesday October 26, 2004. Delegate Ed Scott was the keynote speaker. In attendance were law enforcement officials, advocates, victims, family members, politicians, and religious leaders.

This year’s focus was on the smallest survivors of abuse. Attendees were deeply moved by testimony of victims, poems, and the thoughtful words of the night’s speakers. Attendees lit candles to honor lost victims of domestic violence.

Mark Nowacki, Director of Culpeper County Victim Assistance Program and host for the evening, received the annual service award given by the Task Force, for his eight years of commitment towards improving services for domestic and sexual violence victims. The Task Force is hopeful this event will continue to raise awareness of domestic violence.

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month, red life-sized wood cutouts representing lost victims of domestic violence were thoughtfully placed in various locations around Town.

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News from the Office of Emergency Services

Submitted by: E. Thomas Williams, Director

Winter weather preparation

Ice, snow and wind can have devastating consequences on your home. The time to winterize is when the leaves begin to turn, and not when the snow begins to fall.

Homeowners should take the following precautions:

1. **Maintain gutters.**

Remove leaves, acorns, sticks and other debris from gutters, so melting snow and ice can flow freely. This can prevent ice damming — a condition where water is unable to properly drain through the gutters and instead seeps into the house causing water to drip from the ceiling and walls. You may also consider installing "gutter guards." Available in most hardware and home stores, gutter guards are screens that prevent debris from entering the gutter and direct the flow of water away from the house and into the ground.

2. **Trim trees and remove dead branches.**

Ice, snow and wind can cause weak trees or branches to break – damaging your home, car or injuring someone walking on your property.

3. **Check insulation.**

Add extra insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces. If too much heat escapes through the attic, it can cause snow or ice to melt on the roof. The water re-freezes causing more snow and ice to build up. This can result in a collapsed roof, and can contribute to ice damming. Ideally, the attic should be five to ten degrees warmer than the outside air. Well-insulated basements and crawl spaces will also help protect pipes from freezing.

4. **Maintain pipes.**

Wrap pipes with heating tape and insulate unfinished rooms such as garages that frequently have exposed pipes. Also, check for cracks and leaks. Have them repaired immediately to prevent much costlier repairs.

5. **Keep the house warm.**

The temperature in your house should be at least 65 degrees. The temperature inside the walls where the pipes are located is substantially colder than the walls themselves. A temperature lower than 65 degrees may not keep the pipes from freezing.

6. **Check heating systems.**

The proper use and maintenance of furnaces, fireplaces and

wood-burning stoves can prevent fire and smoke damage. Have furnaces, boilers and chimneys serviced at least once a year. Make sure that smoke and fire alarms are working properly and consider installing a carbon monoxide detector.

7. **Make sure steps and handrails are in good shape.**

Broken stairs and banisters can become lethal when covered with snow and ice. Make repairs now to prevent someone from falling and being seriously injured.

8. **Get to know your plumbing.**

Learn how to shut the water off, and know where your pipes are located. If your pipes freeze, time is of the essence. The quicker you can shut off the water or direct your plumber to the problem, the better chance you have to prevent the pipes from bursting.

9. **Take special care if you plan to be away from home.**

If you are not going to be in your home this winter for an extended period of time, have the water system drained by a professional to keep pipes from freezing or

bursting. Also, hire someone to check on your home on a regular basis. If there is

a problem, it can be fixed quickly — lessening any damage. Activity at your home

will also reduce the likelihood that it will be burglarized.

Take care of your chimney

Before you light up the hearth, have your fireplace cleaned and checked. The U.S. Fire Administration said most fires that happen in rural areas start in the chimney. A dusty or unchecked fireplace can be a serious fire hazard. Make sure you haven't used the fireplace for at least a week before cleaning. Too much leftover ash can cause a chimney fire, and coals can burn for up to four days. Make sure your chimney has a working cap. It will keep the rain and animals out of your home. Squirrels, possums and raccoons could fall in there. Once they get in, they can't get out.

A professional chimney sweep has the tools to inspect your fireplace inside and out. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends cleaning out your fireplace once a year.

This article was submitted by E. Thomas Williams, Director of Emergency Services. 540-727-3411

For additional information on winter preparedness contact the Virginia Department of Emergency Management www.vaemergency.com

Medical Reserve Corps

RRMRC is Active and Growing—Since the last Culpeper Minutes, The Rappahannock Medical Reserve Corps has been very busy recruiting and training volunteers. To date there are 200 volunteers signed up, and 150 of those have received their first 3-hour training session. Volunteers are a critical component of emergency preparedness, and we hope you'll consider becoming a volunteer today.

There is a clear need to build the corps of volunteers that could assist the local Health department in their response to medical emergencies. A "medical" background is not required. Practicing or retired medical professionals, veterinarians, pharmacists, and all people with a desire to pitch in and help are welcome. So far, volunteers have participated in an anthrax drill in Madison, a Forensic Epidemiology training class, and flu vaccination clinics held for high risk individuals throughout the Health District.

All members of the community are encouraged to get involved. Fill out an application, attend a training session, and receive your certificate, ID badge and t-shirt. Your community needs you!

The next training sessions will be:

January	Tuesday the 18th	Orange	6-9 p.m.
February	Thursday the 10th	Madison	9-12 noon
March	Saturday the 12th	Culpeper	9-12 noon

For further information, and to get an application, contact: Claudia Vento at RRMRC@vdh.virginia.gov or 540-829-7350.



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Animal Services Director
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Make check payable to *Culpeper County Treasurer.*

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Culpeper County Sheriff's Office

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Happy Holidays

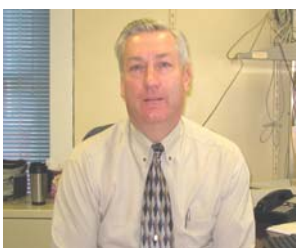


Citizen Police Academy

The first session of the Culpeper Sheriff's Office Citizen Police Academy began on September 16, 2004. The Citizen Police Academy has been developed to enhance the relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the community it serves. Because of its success, the next CPA will begin in the spring of 2005. For more information, contact Investigator Bob Canosa at 540-727-3444 ext.307

New Deputies bring 60 years of experience

The Culpeper Sheriff's Office welcomes new deputies (from left) Mark Tharp 17 years experience, former chief of police, Orange VA; Scott Bzdak 2 years experience, Fauquier Sheriff's Office; Brad Sullivan 15 years experience, Caroline County Sheriff's Office; Rusty Woodward 9 years experience, Culpeper and Fauquier Sheriff's Office; Owen Bullard 10 years experience, Virginia Game Warden, Culpeper County; Lee Wilson (not pictured) 7 years experience Virginia Dept. of Corrections.



New Director of Administrative Services

Dave Franklin, Director of Administrative Services, joins us with over 26 years experience in law enforcement. Dave recently retired from Fairfax County Police Department as Deputy Chief of Police and holds degrees in administration of justice and aviation technology.

Deputy Chad McKnight takes first place in motorcycle school

Deputy Chad McKnight of the Culpeper County Sheriff's Office was first in his class in the recent motorcycle school held in Northern Virginia. The two-week class provides intensive training to law enforcement officers on all facets of police motorcycle training. It was attended by a number of Washington DC metropolitan area departments with officers from Arlington and Prince William counties providing instruction.



Jail Basic # 111 Graduates

Congratulations to Deputies Vanessa Rodriguez (left), Victor Washington (center), and Kiline Madison (right) for completing Jail Officer Basic Training on October 15, 2004, at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy in Middletown, VA. Also pictured are Lieutenant John Jenkins and Sheriff Lee Hart.

Culpeper Regional Airport

Culpeper Regional Airport’s Fifth Annual Air Fest is a Success

On October 9, 2004, the skies over Culpeper were filled with the sounds of radial engines as the powerful WWII era planes were put on parade for our fifth annual Air Fest. The Warbirds were accompanied by the smaller aerobatic planes, as well as the radio-controlled model airplanes. It was a beautiful sight to behold, something for all ages. The Young Eagles Program, organized by Paul Miller, gave free flights to kids from the ages of 8 to 18. The Hardees Air Show Team gave a spectacular display of model aircraft, as well as a hands-on simulator which allowed one to simulate flying a model airplane. The Girl Scouts had face painting going on at their booth. The Boy Scouts sold all kinds of goodies to eat and provided the transportation from the parking area to show center. The *Wright Experience* had a flight simulator for a Wright Bros. airplane. T-shirts and hats were for sale, and various information packets on learning to fly and aviation in general were available.

Around noon, a hush fell over the crowd as Emelie Thompson sang the National Anthem, and the American Flag was waved at the crowd from the arms of a jumper from the Bealeton Flying Circus. Thus began two hours of jam packed aerobatic feats beautifully choreographed by Lou Ridley, who served as Air Boss for the event. Charlie Schwenker, Mark McKibben, and the Split Image duo performed in lighter, fast aerobatic aircraft. Kevin Russo and Mike Schloss performed aerobatics in larger Warbird aircraft. The Bealeton Flying Circus even had a wing-walker performance; yes, that is when a person actually walks on the wing of a flying aircraft. Our event was a great success and it helped us showcase our newly lengthened and rehabilitated runway and apron area.

We could not have put on such a fantastic show without the help of our business community and aviation enthusiasts, such as the ones listed below that donated funds or valuable time and efforts to help with our Fest.

- Chemung Contracting Corp.
 - Campbell & Paris Engineers
 - Willow Run Company
 - Holiday Inn – Culpeper
 - Tony Dias
 - Andy Meranda
 - Randy Toney
 - Garry H. Setti
 - Jay Johnson
 - Lynn Dawson & Steve Roth
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 - Button, Yeaman & Associates, P.C.
 - Al and Nancy Aitken
 - C. and C. Adams Baby Ace
 - Tom Haueter
 - Allan Allridge
 - Donald Maziarz
 - Woodson Hays – Peter Hays
 - Brandy Station Volunteer Fire Department
 - Culpeper County Sheriff’s Department
 - Our many volunteers that gave their priceless time and efforts
- White Hawk Aviation, Inc.
 - Wachovia
 - John Corradi, Blue Ridge Biplane Rides
 - Frank Bossio & Jeanne Ireland
 - Mike and Mary Dale
 - Lou & Carolyn Ridley
 - Ken & Von Egge
 - Kemper Corp Realtors
 - Air-Pix, Inc.
 - Stacey, Tanya & Samantha Woodward
 - Walt Echwald
 - David Fontanella
 - Richard & Susan Showalter
 - Talbert & Bright, Inc.
 - Culpeper Airport Line Service Techs
 - Dick Roe
 - Jerry W. & JoAnn G. Pendley
 - Culpeper County Emergency Services Department
 - Rosson & Troilo

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US USHER IN THE NEXT CENTURY OF FLIGHT

Also during our Air Fest, Leon Rector was named Airport Employee of the Year 2004. Leon is the second employee to be named by the customers since our program started in 2003, with Donnie Devers being our first employee to be named by the customers. Surveys are sent out to the based customers and handed out to frequent users of the Airport, and the votes are tallied by the Employee of the Year Subcommittee of the Airport Advisory Committee headed by Tony Dias. All Airport line service employees are eligible, and we appreciate the positive response that the customers have given on choosing an employee of the year. Who will it be next year?

If you missed our show this year, be sure not to miss next year’s show coming your way on October 8, 2005.

Be safe and have a joyous holiday season. Let us not forget our troops and the sacrifice they are making to keep us safe.

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Kevin Russo in a T 6 moving in for aerobatics.



An amazing split image pass. Two Pitts airplanes perform at Culpeper Air Fest.

**Come out and see us October 8, 2005 at Culpeper Regional Airport.
We will try to out-do ourselves!!!**

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